

MISSOURI AREA LABOR TRENDS

May 1994
Data



A Monthly Review of Labor Market Information

Highlights

Missouri labor force conditions were little changed in May, while payroll employment continued to grow. The state's unemployment rate edged down a tenth of a point to 4.7 percent; seasonally adjusted, the rate remained at 5.0 percent.

Nonfarm payroll employment in the state has continued to grow, increasing by 20,800 jobs in May. Much of the gain was probably seasonal, but trend growth has been occurring as well. Over the past year, payrolls have grown by more than 70,000 jobs — 2.9 percent.

After a strong improvement in April, the St. Louis MSA labor market showed mainly seasonal changes in May 1994. The area unemployment rate remained at 4.8 percent. Nonfarm payroll employment was substantially higher, with much of the growth occurring in seasonal industries. Employment gains over the last 12 months were particularly strong. From May 1993 to May 1994, payrolls grew by 32,800 jobs, reflecting the continuing economic recovery. Construction, retail trade, health services, business services, were among those industries with strong 12-month job gains.

The Kansas City Metropolitan area's unemployment rate fell to 4.2 percent in May. The number of nonagricultural wage and salary jobs continued to show improvement, with another 6,100 jobs added in May. Although gains in many industries were smaller than expected, the net gain pushed the total number of jobs to a record high of 827,700. Seasonal hiring and an end to the nationwide truckers' strike accounted for the transportation, communications and utilities industry producing a third of the monthly expansion. Construction recorded another above-average gain of 1,200 jobs and climbed to its highest level since 1988. Manufacturing edged up by 500 jobs, the sixth straight monthly increase.

Springfield ran counter to the monthly trend, as the unemployment rate edged up from 3.4 to 3.8 percent. However, payroll employment increased by 1,100 jobs, despite a 200-job dip in services, with the closing of some schools for the summer. Much of the employment gain was in transportation, reflecting the end of the trucking strike, but many other industries showed gains. Manufacturing was up by 100 jobs.

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Civilian Labor Force, Employment, Unemployment and Unemployment Rates

County/Labor Market Area	Current Month - May 1994 (Preliminary)				Previous Month - April 1994 (Revised)				One Year Ago - May 1993 (Benchmarked)			
	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
U.S. (000)	130,774	122,872	7,902	6.0	130,747	122,338	8,408	6.4	128,075	119,180	8,895	6.9
MISSOURI	2,643,129	2,510,570	132,559	5.0	2,646,847	2,515,255	131,592	5.0	2,646,247	2,478,472	169,775	6.4
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
U.S. (000)	130,602	122,946	7,959	5.9	129,682	121,604	8,078	6.2	127,807	119,201	8,606	6.7
MISSOURI	2,648,192	2,524,298	123,894	4.7	2,655,553	2,529,019	126,534	4.8	2,652,931	2,492,077	160,854	6.1
METROPOLITAN AREAS (MSAs)												
ST. LOUIS	1,282,180	1,220,548	61,632	4.8	1,288,300	1,226,599	61,701	4.8	1,263,040	1,180,962	82,078	6.5
Franklin	41,844	39,819	2,025	4.8	42,362	40,182	2,180	5.1	41,591	38,621	2,970	7.1
Jefferson	92,046	87,647	4,399	4.8	93,041	88,447	4,594	4.9	90,746	85,012	5,734	6.3
Lincoln	15,027	14,035	992	6.6	15,261	14,163	1,098	7.2	14,719	13,613	1,106	7.5
St. Charles	127,633	122,175	5,458	4.3	128,893	123,291	5,602	4.3	124,667	118,502	6,165	4.9
St. Louis County	542,921	522,982	19,939	3.7	547,711	527,757	19,954	3.6	533,075	507,257	25,818	4.8
Warren	10,337	9,707	630	6.1	10,522	9,796	726	6.9	10,054	9,415	639	6.4
St. Louis City	171,798	159,769	12,029	7.0	173,105	161,228	11,877	6.9	170,612	154,965	15,647	9.2
KANSAS CITY	889,076	851,608	37,468	4.2	894,166	852,862	41,304	4.6	867,522	822,692	44,830	5.2
Cass	35,908	34,475	1,433	4.0	36,586	35,000	1,586	4.3	35,464	33,661	1,803	5.1
Clay	91,635	88,410	3,225	3.5	93,147	89,757	3,390	3.6	90,197	86,323	3,874	4.3
Clinton	8,312	7,964	348	4.2	8,459	8,085	374	4.4	8,133	7,776	357	4.4
Jackson	340,715	324,159	16,556	4.9	345,599	329,099	16,500	4.8	336,694	316,509	20,185	6.0
Lafayette	14,993	14,489	504	3.4	15,249	14,710	539	3.5	14,949	14,148	801	5.4
Platte	36,755	35,704	1,051	2.9	37,366	36,248	1,118	3.0	36,296	34,861	1,435	4.0
Ray	10,099	9,681	418	4.1	10,312	9,828	484	4.7	10,066	9,452	614	6.1
SPRINGFIELD	152,544	146,678	5,866	3.8	152,841	147,627	5,214	3.4	148,739	140,808	7,931	5.3
Christian	20,143	19,371	772	3.8	20,298	19,496	802	4.0	19,700	18,596	1,104	5.6
Greene	120,422	115,916	4,506	3.7	120,635	116,666	3,969	3.3	117,469	111,277	6,192	5.3
Webster	11,981	11,391	590	4.9	11,906	11,464	442	3.7	11,572	10,935	637	5.5
JOPLIN	71,718	68,512	3,206	4.5	70,993	67,894	3,099	4.4	72,364	68,258	4,106	5.7
Jasper	47,861	45,635	2,226	4.7	47,438	45,224	2,214	4.7	48,241	45,486	2,755	5.8
Newton	23,857	22,877	980	4.1	23,555	22,670	885	3.8	24,123	22,792	1,331	5.5
COLUMBIA	69,606	67,810	1,796	2.6	69,657	68,068	1,589	2.3	70,976	68,467	2,509	3.5
Boone	69,606	67,810	1,796	2.6	69,657	68,068	1,589	2.3	70,976	68,467	2,509	3.5
ST. JOSEPH	45,300	41,987	3,313	7.3	45,517	41,891	3,626	8.0	47,538	44,154	3,384	7.1
Andrew	6,953	6,626	327	4.7	6,983	6,611	372	5.3	7,376	6,968	408	5.5
Buchanan	38,347	35,361	2,986	7.8	38,534	35,280	3,254	8.4	40,162	37,186	2,976	7.4
LABOR MARKET AREAS (LMAs)												
ADAIR-SCHUYLER	17,364	16,533	831	4.8	16,887	16,370	517	3.1	16,372	15,668	704	4.3
Adair	14,980	14,261	719	4.8	14,527	14,121	406	2.8	14,088	13,515	573	4.1
Schuyler	2,384	2,272	112	4.7	2,360	2,249	111	4.7	2,284	2,153	131	5.7
BUTLER-CARTER-RIPLEY	23,498	22,142	1,356	5.8	23,577	21,915	1,662	7.0	24,864	22,693	2,171	8.7
Butler	17,063	16,071	992	5.8	17,050	15,907	1,143	6.7	17,928	16,471	1,457	8.1
Carter	2,172	2,045	127	5.8	2,193	2,024	169	7.7	2,307	2,096	211	9.1
Ripley	4,261	4,025	236	5.5	4,333	3,984	349	8.1	4,629	4,126	503	10.9
CAMDEN-MILLER	25,157	23,791	1,366	5.4	24,037	22,477	1,560	6.5	25,241	23,414	1,827	7.2
Camden	14,385	13,595	790	5.5	13,728	12,844	884	6.4	14,333	13,379	954	6.7
Miller	10,772	10,196	576	5.3	10,309	9,633	676	6.6	10,908	10,035	873	8.0
CAPE GIRARDEAU-SCOTT-NEW MADRID	70,086	66,475	3,611	5.2	69,762	65,790	3,972	5.7	71,306	66,308	4,998	7.0
Bollinger	4,580	4,321	259	5.7	4,555	4,257	298	6.5	4,689	4,291	398	8.5
Cape Girardeau	32,886	31,715	1,171	3.6	32,598	31,243	1,355	4.2	33,195	31,489	1,706	5.1
Mississippi	6,109	5,447	662	10.8	6,011	5,366	645	10.7	6,023	5,409	614	10.2
New Madrid	8,285	7,796	489	5.9	8,242	7,680	562	6.8	8,563	7,741	822	9.6
Scott	18,533	17,504	1,029	5.6	18,356	17,244	1,112	6.1	18,838	17,379	1,459	7.7
COLE-CALLAWAY-MONITEAU	63,278	61,155	2,123	3.4	63,306	61,098	2,208	3.5	66,410	63,013	3,397	5.1
Callaway	17,166	16,488	678	3.9	17,117	16,473	644	3.8	18,014	16,989	1,025	5.7
Cole	33,592	32,661	931	2.8	33,664	32,631	1,033	3.1	35,295	33,654	1,641	4.6
Moniteau	6,134	5,886	248	4.0	6,131	5,881	250	4.1	6,496	6,065	431	6.6
Osage	6,385	6,119	266	4.2	6,397	6,114	283	4.4	6,604	6,305	299	4.5
HOWELL-OREGON-SHANNON	23,398	22,153	1,245	5.3	23,034	21,748	1,286	5.6	24,126	22,419	1,707	7.1
Howell	15,679	14,864	815	5.2	15,426	14,592	834	5.4	16,181	15,043	1,138	7.0
Oregon	4,057	3,818	239	5.9	3,974	3,748	226	5.7	4,168	3,863	305	7.3
Shannon	3,663	3,471	192	5.2	3,635	3,408	227	6.2	3,776	3,513	263	7.0
LAWRENCE-BARRY	27,478	26,128	1,350	4.9	27,321	25,909	1,412	5.2	28,512	26,714	1,798	6.3
Barry	13,082	12,437	645	4.9	12,982	12,333	649	5.0	13,669	12,716	953	7.0
Lawrence	14,396	13,691	705	4.9	14,338	13,576	762	5.3	14,843	13,998	845	5.7
MARION-RALLS	19,068	18,204	864	4.5	18,735	17,893	842	4.5	19,525	18,304	1,221	6.3
Marion	14,427	13,745	682	4.7	14,141	13,510	631	4.5	14,767	13,821	946	6.4
Ralls	4,642	4,459	183	3.9	4,594	4,383	211	4.6	4,759	4,483	276	5.8
PHELPS-MARIES	20,849	19,849	1,000	4.8	20,470	19,560	910	4.4	21,634	20,160	1,474	6.8
Maries	3,930	3,718	212	5.4	3,859	3,664	195	5.1	4,056	3,776	280	6.9
Phelps	16,919	16,131	788	4.7	16,611	15,896	715	4.3	17,579	16,384	1,195	6.8
ST. FRANCOIS-WASHINGTON	27,861	25,361	2,500	9.0	27,486	24,850	2,636	9.6	28,929	25,813	3,116	10.8
St. Francois	20,079	18,363	1,716	8.5	19,790	17,993	1,797	9.1	20,808	18,690	2,118	10.2
Washington	7,782	6,998	784	10.1	7,696	6,857	839	10.8	7,123	6,997	123	1.7

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OTHER COUNTIES												
Atchison	2,741	2,666	75	2.7	2,682	2,601	81	3.0	2,964	2,839	125	4.2
Audrain	11,109	10,660	449	4.0	11,020	10,504	516	4.7	11,787	11,183	604	5.1
Barton	6,134	5,949	185	3.0	6,018	5,822	196	3.3	6,436	6,159	277	4.3
Bates	7,202	6,849	353	4.9	7,145	6,755	390	5.5	7,612	7,066	546	7.2
Benton	5,581	5,216	365	6.5	5,396	5,004	392	7.3	5,939	5,424	515	8.7
Caldwell	3,506	3,329	177	5.0	3,461	3,268	193	5.6	3,758	3,507	251	6.7
Carroll	4,916	4,651	265	5.4	4,850	4,557	293	6.0	5,231	4,855	376	7.2
Cedar	5,337	5,108	229	4.3	5,429	5,188	241	4.4	5,357	5,068	289	5.4
Chariton	3,925	3,756	169	4.3	3,813	3,613	200	5.2	4,132	3,857	275	6.7
Clark	3,293	3,141	152	4.6	3,298	3,121	177	5.4	3,728	3,437	291	7.8
Cooper	7,908	7,619	289	3.7	7,837	7,567	270	3.4	8,317	7,821	496	6.0
Crawford	9,845	9,285	560	5.7	9,616	8,982	634	6.6	10,085	9,172	913	9.1
Dade	2,945	2,791	154	5.2	2,942	2,783	159	5.4	3,217	3,011	206	6.4
Dallas	5,848	5,521	327	5.6	5,776	5,433	343	5.9	6,041	5,547	494	8.2
Daviess	3,155	3,010	145	4.6	3,153	2,989	164	5.2	3,401	3,142	259	7.6
DeKalb	3,842	3,660	182	4.7	3,999	3,820	179	4.5	4,200	3,974	226	5.4
Dent	6,059	5,684	375	6.2	5,935	5,593	342	5.8	6,186	5,719	467	7.5
Douglas	5,871	5,579	292	5.0	5,696	5,416	280	4.9	5,913	5,593	320	5.4
Dunklin	13,120	12,176	944	7.2	12,956	12,022	934	7.2	13,331	12,070	1,261	9.5
Gasconade	6,750	6,370	380	5.6	6,596	6,223	373	5.7	7,280	6,584	696	9.6
Gentry	3,451	3,299	152	4.4	3,361	3,230	131	3.9	3,613	3,427	186	5.1
Grundy	4,675	4,490	185	4.0	4,526	4,323	203	4.5	5,010	4,646	364	7.3
Harrison	3,989	3,879	110	2.8	3,919	3,785	134	3.4	4,220	4,030	190	4.5
Henry	9,118	8,556	562	6.2	8,891	8,329	562	6.3	9,485	8,790	695	7.3
Hickory	2,651	2,493	158	6.0	2,578	2,438	140	5.4	2,895	2,678	217	7.5
Holt	2,800	2,690	110	3.9	2,729	2,602	127	4.7	2,915	2,741	174	6.0
Howard	4,929	4,757	172	3.5	4,825	4,665	160	3.3	4,808	4,593	215	4.5
Iron	4,124	3,714	410	9.9	4,082	3,700	382	9.4	4,187	3,688	501	12.0
Johnson	21,306	20,572	734	3.4	21,029	20,373	656	3.1	21,247	20,326	921	4.3
Knox	1,801	1,720	81	4.5	1,764	1,690	74	4.2	1,989	1,888	101	5.1
Laclede	13,373	12,603	770	5.8	13,215	12,476	739	5.6	13,512	12,452	1,060	7.8
Lewis	4,898	4,675	223	4.6	4,726	4,485	241	5.1	5,200	4,847	353	6.8
Linn	6,556	6,203	353	5.4	6,596	6,243	353	5.4	6,818	6,360	458	6.7
Livingston	6,814	6,519	295	4.3	6,730	6,367	363	5.4	7,146	6,768	378	5.3
McDonald	6,830	6,527	303	4.4	6,609	6,315	294	4.4	6,925	6,478	447	6.5
Macon	6,613	6,263	350	5.3	6,567	6,158	409	6.2	7,481	6,750	731	9.8
Madison	4,380	3,989	391	8.9	4,367	3,980	387	8.9	4,642	4,079	563	12.1
Mercer	2,070	1,985	85	4.1	1,950	1,860	90	4.6	1,944	1,835	109	5.6
Monroe	3,951	3,781	170	4.3	3,886	3,706	180	4.6	4,288	4,028	260	6.1
Montgomery	5,607	5,349	258	4.6	5,514	5,207	307	5.6	5,883	5,315	568	6.5
Morgan	7,168	6,816	352	4.9	6,941	6,515	426	6.1	7,652	7,044	608	7.9
Nodaway	11,907	11,431	476	4.0	11,612	11,359	253	2.2	11,958	11,352	606	5.1
Ozark	3,857	3,677	180	4.7	3,887	3,684	203	5.2	4,131	3,872	259	6.3
Pemiscot	7,021	5,932	1,089	15.5	7,037	5,921	1,116	15.9	7,934	6,881	1,053	13.3
Perry	9,603	9,193	410	4.3	9,554	9,128	426	4.5	9,769	9,185	584	6.0
Pettis	18,131	17,118	1,013	5.6	18,232	17,137	1,095	6.0	18,907	17,585	1,322	7.0
Pike	6,876	6,466	410	6.0	6,781	6,357	424	6.3	7,260	6,723	537	7.4
Polk	10,183	9,756	427	4.2	10,010	9,613	397	4.0	10,751	10,149	602	5.6
Pulaski	11,947	11,180	767	6.4	12,390	11,577	813	6.6	12,470	11,421	1,049	8.4
Putnam	2,045	1,983	62	3.0	1,961	1,900	61	3.1	2,154	2,047	107	5.0
Randolph	9,691	9,149	542	5.6	9,589	9,010	579	6.0	10,317	9,407	910	8.8
Reynolds	2,959	2,807	152	5.1	3,031	2,895	136	4.5	3,141	2,871	270	8.6
St. Clair	3,441	3,236	205	6.0	3,458	3,225	233	6.7	3,715	3,474	241	6.5
Ste. Genevieve	7,985	7,599	386	4.8	8,090	7,661	429	5.3	8,199	7,555	644	7.9
Saline	11,031	10,568	463	4.2	11,145	10,625	520	4.7	11,196	10,577	619	5.5
Scotland	2,197	2,141	56	2.5	2,219	2,149	70	3.2	2,389	2,326	63	2.6
Shelby	3,025	2,919	106	3.5	2,941	2,821	120	4.1	3,358	3,184	192	5.7
Stoddard	13,030	12,153	877	6.7	12,940	11,973	967	7.5	13,377	12,165	1,212	9.1
Stone	12,615	11,917	698	5.5	12,266	11,213	1,053	8.6	12,714	11,880	834	6.6
Sullivan	2,646	2,557	89	3.4	2,567	2,448	119	4.6	2,778	2,601	177	6.4
Taney	24,452	23,454	998	4.1	22,424	20,925	1,499	6.7	24,295	23,065	1,230	5.1
Texas	9,137	8,303	834	9.1	8,984	8,104	880	9.8	9,916	8,612	1,304	13.2
Vernon	8,117	7,786	331	4.1	8,043	7,723	320	4.0	8,687	8,246	441	5.1
Wayne	3,713	3,074	639	17.2	3,703	3,064	639	17.3	4,111	3,400	711	17.3
Worth	977	927	50	5.1	974	927	47	4.8	1,076	1,005	71	6.6
Wright	8,187	7,282	905	11.1	8,055	7,188	867	10.8	7,956	7,415	541	6.8

NOTES: Data within shaded areas are provisional and not comparable to 1994 data.
Data for counties within MSAs/LMAs prepared by disaggregation from MSA/LMA totals.

Missouri Labor Market Review

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Missouri Employment and Unemployment Conditions

Missouri labor force conditions were little changed in May, while payroll employment continued to grow.

The state's unemployment rate edged down a tenth of a point to 4.7 percent from its already low level of 4.8 percent. On a seasonally adjusted basis, the rate remained at 5.0 percent, down somewhat from the 5.4 percent rate which prevailed in the first two months of the year and the 5.9 percent spike of March.

Total employment slipped down by 4,700 to 2,524,300. Seasonally adjusted employment decreased by a similar amount.

Nonfarm payroll employment continued to increase, climbing by 20,800 jobs from April to 2,477,900 in May. Much of the gain was probably seasonal, including increases in construction (4,800 jobs), retail trade (eating and drinking places alone grew by 5,100 jobs), and services (recreational services up by 3,800 jobs and hotels by 1,600 jobs). Elsewhere in the service-producing sector, closing of some schools for the summer resulted in drops in private educational services (2,800 jobs) and local government (900 jobs). Most of the summer decreases in education will take place in June. Trucking employment was up by 3,700 jobs, following the end of the teamsters' strike.

Manufacturing employment was unchanged over the month, at 411,000 jobs.

Over-the-year employment growth continues quite strong; from May 1993 to May 1994, the total grew by 70,100 jobs, or 2.9 percent. The largest gains were in retail trade (11,100 jobs), business services (10,300 jobs), construction (9,900 jobs or 10.5 percent), and government (9,700 jobs).

Hours and earnings of manufacturing production workers increased slightly in May. The factory workweek edged up a tenth of an hour to 41.9 hours, while average weekly earnings increased by \$2.43 to \$491.07. The weekly figure represents an increase of 3.2 percent from May 1993.

Construction worker hours and earnings climbed along with the increase in employment. Average weekly hours were up 4.4 hours from April (which had experienced a temporary dip), while hourly earnings increased to \$18.23 and weekly earnings to \$714.62. Weekly earnings have grown by 13.7 percent over the past 12 months.

In the private service-producing sector, average weekly hours of nonsupervisory workers increased by 0.8 hours to 33.1, while weekly average earnings were up by \$8.19 to \$312.13. Over the past year, weekly earnings have increased by 4.8 percent.

National Economic and Labor Market Conditions

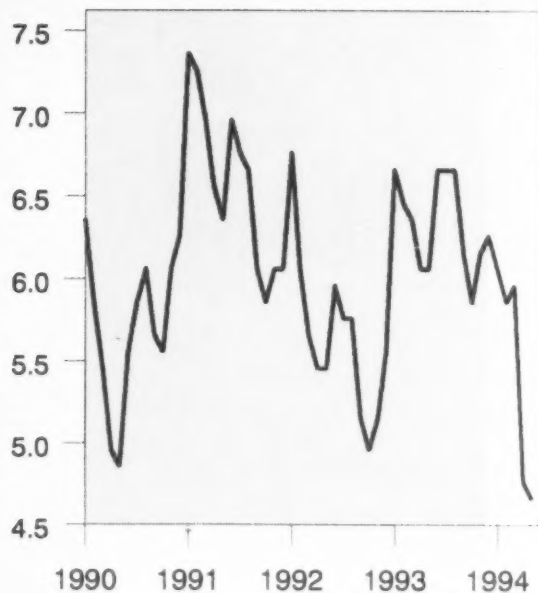
National unemployment fell sharply in May, dropping to 6.0 percent from 6.4 in April. This was the largest one-month decrease in more than 10 years, but monthly movements going into the summer can be erratic because of changing seasonal patterns. The rate has dropped seven-tenths of a point since the beginning of the year.

The fall in unemployment was accompanied by a large gain in the estimate of total household employment. At the same time, however, payroll employment growth slowed considerably from the rapid pace of recent months. Besides the 70,000 increase resulting from the return to work of strikers in the trucking industry, nonfarm payrolls grew by about 120,000.

Outlook

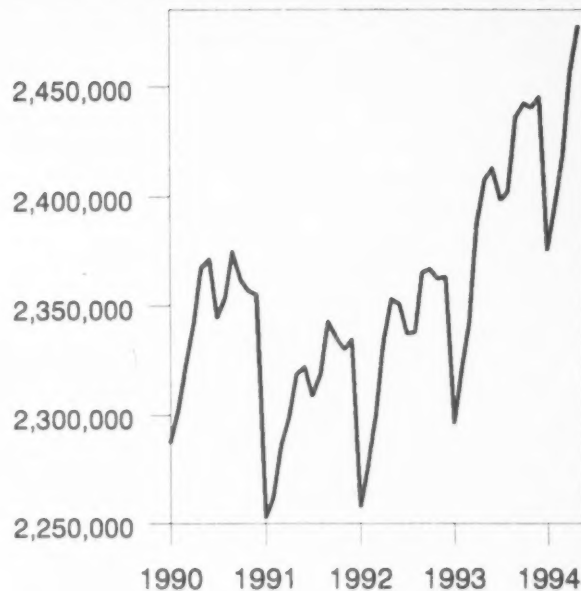
The summer months are usually marked by substantial increases in unemployment, as the labor force swells with summer job seekers, not all of whom immediately find work. Payroll employment usually dips a bit, with the closing of schools for the summer, despite gains in tourism-related industries.

Missouri Unemployment Rate



Series contains noncomparable data. See page 8.

Missouri Payroll Employment



Explanatory Notes

All data in this publication are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Data. Labor force data are estimates of the number of people who are either employed or unemployed, on a place-of-residence basis. Data for 1994 are preliminary, while 1990-1993 data are provisional — not yet official and subject to change. The 1994 data are not directly comparable to 1993 and earlier data because of changes in methodology.

- Total Employment represents the number of employed civilians, including self-employment and agricultural employment.
- Unemployment represents the number of people who are not employed but are looking for work.
- Civilian Labor Force is the sum of employment and unemployment.
- Unemployment Rate is the number unemployed expressed as a percentage of the labor force.

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment data are place-of-work estimates of the number of jobs, based on a survey of establishments. The data have been

adjusted to the March 1993 benchmark. Data are available for all employees on nonfarm payrolls, for the number of production or nonsupervisory workers on private nonfarm payrolls, and for average hours and earnings of production workers. Seasonally adjusted employment data for major industry groups are published for Missouri.

Areas. Labor Market Reviews cover the state and its three largest metropolitan areas. MSA definitions are the official Office of Management and Budget designations which became effective December 31, 1992.

- The St. Louis MSA includes the City of St. Louis plus St. Louis, Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, St. Charles and Warren counties in Missouri and Clinton, Jersey, Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair counties in Illinois. For data purposes, the portion of Sullivan in Crawford County is not included.
- The Kansas City MSA includes Jackson, Cass, Clay, Clinton, Lafayette, Platte, and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson, Leavenworth, Miami, and Wyandotte counties in Kansas.
- The Springfield MSA includes Greene, Christian and Webster counties.

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

Missouri (Statewide)

Industry	Number of Jobs			Change from:	
	May 1994 ^a	Apr. 1994	May 1993	Apr. 1994	May 1993
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	2,462,400	2,456,300	2,392,200	6,100	70,200
MINING	4,300	4,300	4,400	0	-100
CONSTRUCTION	104,600	102,900	94,700	1,700	9,900
MANUFACTURING	410,400	412,300	411,000	-1,900	-600
DURABLE GOODS	224,400	225,000	222,300	-600	2,100
NONDURABLE GOODS	186,000	187,300	188,700	-1,300	-2,700
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	155,000	151,700	152,200	3,300	2,800
TRADE	582,900	581,500	569,900	1,400	13,000
WHOLESALE TRADE	139,300	139,200	137,300	100	2,000
RETAIL TRADE	443,600	442,300	432,600	1,300	11,000
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	143,000	143,000	140,500	0	2,500
SERVICES	675,800	675,200	642,900	600	32,900
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	386,400	385,400	376,600	1,000	9,800
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	2,477,900	2,457,100	2,407,800	20,800	70,100
GOODS PRODUCING	519,900	515,000	510,800	4,900	9,100
MINING	4,300	4,200	4,400	100	-100
CONSTRUCTION	104,600	99,800	94,700	4,800	9,900
General Building Contractors	27,200	26,300	24,600	900	2,600
Heavy Construction	13,600	12,100	11,700	1,500	1,900
Special Trade Contractors	63,800	61,400	58,400	2,400	5,400
MANUFACTURING	411,000	411,000	411,700	0	-700
DURABLE GOODS	224,800	224,100	222,800	700	2,000
Lumber & Wood Products	12,200	12,000	11,700	200	500
Furniture & Fixtures	14,700	14,800	12,500	-100	2,200
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,600	10,500	10,400	100	200
Primary Metal Industries	12,100	12,100	11,700	0	400
Fabricated Metal Products	33,700	33,500	33,400	200	300
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	34,200	34,100	32,100	100	2,100
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	32,900	32,900	31,400	0	1,500
Transportation Equipment	55,100	54,900	59,600	200	-4,500
Motor vehicles & equipment	25,100	24,800	28,200	300	-3,100
Aircraft & parts	26,100	26,100	27,400	0	-1,300
Instruments & Related Products	10,800	10,900	11,700	-100	-900
NONDURABLE GOODS	186,200	186,900	188,900	-700	-2,700
Food & Kindred Products	49,400	49,100	49,500	300	-100
Beverages	9,600	9,600	9,600	0	0
Textile Mill Products & Apparel	23,000	23,200	22,800	-200	200
Paper & Allied Products	14,100	14,000	14,000	100	100
Printing & Publishing	43,100	43,300	42,900	-200	200
Chemicals & Allied Products	27,800	28,000	28,900	-200	-1,100
Leather & Leather Products	8,500	9,400	11,300	-900	-2,800
SERVICE PRODUCING	1,958,000	1,942,100	1,897,000	15,900	61,000
PRIVATE SERVICE PRODUCING	1,562,700	1,545,900	1,511,400	16,800	51,300
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	155,600	151,400	152,800	4,200	2,800
Railroad Transportation	8,800	8,800	8,800	0	0
Trucking & Warehousing	49,500	45,800	48,500	3,700	1,000
Transportation by Air	18,700	18,700	18,300	0	400
Communications	35,700	35,600	36,200	100	-500
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Service	20,300	20,300	20,700	0	-400
TRADE	583,800	575,600	570,700	8,200	13,100
WHOLESALE TRADE	138,900	138,600	136,900	300	2,000
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	75,700	75,500	75,600	200	100
Motor vehicles, parts & supplies	12,300	12,200	12,300	100	0
Lumber & construction materials	4,600	4,600	4,400	0	200
Professional & commercial equipment	14,800	14,900	15,100	-100	-300
Electrical goods	8,900	8,800	8,600	100	300
Hardware, plumbing & heating equipment	6,300	6,200	6,000	100	300
Machinery, equipment & supplies	17,500	17,500	17,300	0	200
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	63,200	63,100	61,300	100	1,900
Groceries & related	18,200	18,100	18,000	100	200
Petroleum & petroleum products	4,700	4,700	4,800	0	-100
Beer, wine & distilled beverages	3,100	3,100	3,000	0	100
RETAIL TRADE	444,900	437,000	433,800	7,900	11,100
Building materials & garden supplies	19,200	18,700	19,000	500	200
General merchandise stores	61,500	60,700	57,700	800	3,800
Food stores	61,100	60,900	59,900	200	1,200
Automotive dealers/service stations	54,300	53,700	52,900	600	1,400
Apparel & accessory stores	21,900	21,700	21,600	200	300
Furniture & homefurnishing stores	15,200	15,100	14,800	100	400
Eating & drinking places	166,800	161,700	163,100	5,100	3,700

Industry	Number of Jobs			Change from:	
	May 1994 ^P	Apr. 1994	May 1993	Apr. 1994	May 1993
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	143,000	142,300	140,500	700	2,500
Depository Institutions	44,900	45,000	45,500	-100	-600
Nondepository Institutions	9,100	9,200	8,600	-100	500
Security & Commodity Brokers	15,100	14,700	13,700	400	1,400
Insurance Carriers	30,200	30,300	30,500	-100	-300
Insurance Agents, Brokers	13,900	13,900	13,800	0	100
Real Estate	25,800	25,200	24,600	600	1,200
Holding & Other Investment Offices	4,000	4,000	3,800	0	200
SERVICES	680,300	676,600	647,400	3,700	32,900
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	32,300	30,700	31,600	1,600	700
Personal Services	28,100	28,400	27,400	-300	700
Business Services	116,900	116,100	106,600	800	10,300
Auto Repair, Services, Parking	22,000	21,800	20,800	200	1,200
Amusement & Recreation Services / Movie	39,700	35,900	37,100	3,800	2,600
Health Services	221,600	221,600	213,700	0	7,900
Hospitals (private)	104,100	104,500	102,200	-400	1,900
Legal Services	15,500	15,300	15,200	200	300
Educational Services (private)	44,400	47,200	42,400	-2,800	2,000
Social Services	47,900	47,700	44,500	200	3,400
Membership Organizations	50,500	50,600	49,900	-100	600
Engineering & Management Services	39,900	40,700	37,700	-800	2,200
Agricultural Services	12,200	11,300	11,800	900	400
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	395,300	396,200	385,600	-900	9,700
TOTAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	69,100	69,600	69,800	-500	-700
TOTAL STATE GOVERNMENT	95,900	95,400	93,300	500	2,600
TOTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT	230,300	231,200	222,500	-900	7,800

^P = Preliminary

Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings

Missouri (Statewide)

Industry	Production Workers			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			Average Weekly Earnings		
	May 1994 ^P	Apr. 1994	May 1993	May 1994 ^P	Apr. 1994	May 1993	May 1994 ^P	Apr. 1994	May 1993	May 1994 ^P	Apr. 1994	May 1993
GOODS PRODUCING	376,700	371,300	365,700	41.4	40.3	40.5	\$13.11	\$12.80	\$12.54	\$542.75	\$515.84	\$507.87
CONSTRUCTION	83,400	79,000	73,800	39.2	34.8	36.4	\$18.23	\$17.65	\$17.27	\$714.62	\$614.22	\$628.63
MANUFACTURING	289,800	288,900	288,800	41.9	41.8	41.5	\$11.72	\$11.69	\$11.47	\$491.07	\$488.64	\$476.01
DURABLE GOODS	159,600	158,200	157,800	43.3	42.8	42.1	\$12.44	\$12.36	\$12.41	\$538.65	\$529.01	\$522.46
Lumber & Wood Products	9,800	9,600	9,200	38.8	38.1	38.2	\$8.08	\$8.10	\$7.95	\$313.50	\$308.61	\$303.69
Furniture & Fixtures	12,000	11,700	9,800	39.2	41.0	41.3	\$9.15	\$9.01	\$9.01	\$358.68	\$369.41	\$372.11
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods	8,100	8,000	8,200	44.7	42.1	39.1	\$12.43	\$12.36	\$11.65	\$555.62	\$520.36	\$455.52
Primary Metal Industries	9,200	9,200	8,900	51.3	50.7	44.1	\$12.75	\$12.43	\$12.90	\$654.07	\$630.20	\$568.89
Fabricated Metal Products	23,800	23,500	23,200	41.9	40.8	41.6	\$11.76	\$11.64	\$12.23	\$492.74	\$474.91	\$508.77
Industrial Machinery & Equip	24,500	24,300	22,400	42.4	42.5	42.7	\$11.45	\$11.39	\$11.30	\$485.48	\$484.08	\$482.51
Electronic & Other Elect Eqp	26,200	25,900	24,400	42.5	41.5	42.0	\$9.66	\$9.62	\$9.27	\$410.55	\$399.23	\$389.34
Transportation Equipment	34,700	34,600	40,100	47.0	46.4	43.9	\$18.18	\$18.19	\$17.58	\$854.46	\$844.02	\$771.76
Motor vehicles & equipment	21,800	21,500	25,000	49.9	48.7	45.2	\$18.57	\$18.64	\$17.85	\$926.64	\$907.77	\$806.82
Instruments & Related Prods	5,300	5,300	5,500	40.4	40.4	40.9	\$10.72	\$10.68	\$10.76	\$433.09	\$431.47	\$440.08
NONDURABLE GOODS	130,200	130,700	131,000	40.2	40.6	40.8	\$10.77	\$10.83	\$10.30	\$432.95	\$439.70	\$420.24
Food & Kindred Products	37,000	36,700	37,100	39.4	39.8	38.9	\$10.86	\$10.89	\$10.70	\$427.88	\$433.42	\$416.23
Beverages	4,100	4,100	4,100	39.8	37.9	41.2	\$20.49	\$20.13	\$21.07	\$815.50	\$762.93	\$868.08
Textile Mill Prods & Apparel	20,400	20,700	19,900	35.7	35.3	39.7	\$7.11	\$7.05	\$6.87	\$253.83	\$248.86	\$272.74
Paper & Allied Products	11,600	11,500	11,600	44.6	44.4	42.5	\$11.22	\$11.25	\$10.93	\$500.41	\$499.50	\$464.53
Chemicals & Allied Products	14,100	14,200	14,000	47.9	48.1	49.5	\$14.99	\$14.80	\$13.79	\$718.02	\$711.88	\$682.61
Leather & Leather Products	7,600	8,500	10,400	35.1	33.8	36.8	\$7.26	\$7.57	\$7.01	\$254.83	\$255.87	\$257.97
PRIVATE SERVICE-PRODUCING	1,301,900	1,283,500	1,256,100	33.1	32.3	32.8	\$9.43	\$9.41	\$9.08	\$312.13	\$303.94	\$297.82
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILS	119,000	114,000	114,800	38.0	36.5	40.0	\$13.48	\$13.72	\$12.48	\$512.24	\$500.78	\$499.20
TRADE	512,900	505,000	500,600	32.2	31.7	31.5	\$8.07	\$8.02	\$7.88	\$259.85	\$254.23	\$248.22
WHOLESALE TRADE	113,600	113,700	112,600	40.5	39.7	39.8	\$11.24	\$11.23	\$10.93	\$455.22	\$445.83	\$435.01
Wholesale Trade - Durable Gds	60,200	60,300	60,500	40.8	40.2	40.7	\$11.73	\$11.76	\$11.42	\$478.58	\$472.75	\$464.79
Wholesale Trade - Nondur Gds	53,400	53,400	52,100	40.1	39.1	38.8	\$10.68	\$10.61	\$10.33	\$428.27	\$414.85	\$400.80
RETAIL TRADE	399,300	391,300	388,000	29.8	29.4	29.1	\$6.85	\$6.77	\$6.67	\$204.13	\$199.04	\$194.10
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	109,800	108,600	105,200	37.1	36.6	36.7	\$10.94	\$11.06	\$10.26	\$405.87	\$404.80	\$376.54
SERVICES	560,200	555,900	535,500	32.1	31.1	31.7	\$9.32	\$9.28	\$9.00	\$299.17	\$288.61	\$285.30

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St. Louis Labor Market Review

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Area Labor Force Developments

After a strong improvement in April, the St. Louis MSA labor market showed mainly seasonal changes in May 1994. The area unemployment rate remained at 4.8 percent. Nonfarm payroll employment was substantially higher, with gains concentrated in industries that are traditionally strong in warm-weather months: construction, retail trade, lodging and recreational services and business services. The settlement of a strike in the trucking industry contributed a slight employment gain in manufacturing and caused a big increase in the average workweek in construction as contractors worked overtime to make up for delays caused by the strike. Employment gains over the last 12 months were particularly strong. From May 1993 to May 1994, increases in employment (total nonfarm payroll employment was up by 32,800) reflected the continuing economic recovery. Construction, retail trade, health services, business services, transportation and utilities, food stores and engineering and management services all had strong 12-month job gains. However, layoffs and cutbacks by makers of motor vehicles, aircraft, chemicals, instruments and apparel and leather goods caused a loss of 4,900 jobs in manufacturing between May 1993 and May 1994.

Manufacturing

Manufacturing employment increased by 300 from April 1994 to May 1994. Construction-related manufacturing industries added 500 jobs following the settlement of a nation-wide strike in the trucking industry. Employment continued

to grow in food processing. Job cuts in the chemical and leather industries held down the overall employment gain from the previous month. Over the year, manufacturing employment decreased by 4,900. Layoffs during 1993 in motor vehicle and aircraft manufacturing accounted for much of the loss. More recently, employers in chemicals, primary metals, instruments and leather goods have reduced their payrolls. Construction-related manufacturing industries (lumber, fabricated metal products, industrial machinery and plastics) gained employment over the year, reflecting the boom in construction, and food and beverage processors added 800 jobs.

Nonmanufacturing

Nonmanufacturing employment increased by 9,500 from April to May. Construction, retail trade, and recreational services had strong employment gains, reflecting both seasonal trends and the strong economy. Settlement of the trucking strike produced an employment gain in transportation and utilities. Seasonal job losses occurred in personal services (mainly in tax processing services), educational services and local government (reflecting the coming end of the school year). Over the year, nonmanufacturing employers added 37,700 jobs, with services, construction and retail trade leading the way.

Unemployment Rate Outlook

Unemployment is expected to be seasonally higher in June, with schools closing and young people entering the summer job market in force. The unemployment rate in June 1994 is expected to increase to 5.3 percent of the labor force.

Comparability of Labor Force Data

The entire statewide labor force series has been revised back to 1978. Because of changes in population controls, data for 1990-93, except for the unemployment rate, are not directly comparable to data for earlier years.

Substate labor force data are being revised back to 1990. The 1990-93 labor force data appearing in tables or graphs in this issue include these revisions, but the data are still provisional (unofficial) and subject to change.

Changes in the Current Population Survey have made 1994 data not directly comparable to data for any earlier year. This is true both for the state and for substate areas. As a result, pre-1994 data in tables and graphs have been shaded to indicate this noncomparability.

The revisions and comparability issues were more fully described in the January issue of Missouri Area Labor Trends.

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

St. Louis MSA

Industry	Number of Jobs			Change from:	
	May 1994 ^P	Apr. 1994	May 1993	Apr. 1994	May 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	1,215,600	1,205,800	1,182,800	9,800	32,800
GOODS PRODUCING	256,400	252,800	252,100	3,600	4,300
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	62,300	59,000	53,100	3,300	9,200
General Building Contractors	15,600	14,700	13,500	900	2,100
Special Trade Contractors	39,300	37,400	32,100	1,900	7,200
MANUFACTURING	194,100	193,800	199,000	300	-4,900
DURABLE GOODS	114,800	114,400	119,100	400	-4,300
Lumber, Wood, Furniture	6,100	6,100	5,800	0	300
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	3,100	2,900	2,900	200	200
Primary Metal Industries	12,700	12,700	13,200	0	-500
Fabricated Metal Products	15,700	15,400	15,500	300	200
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	17,700	17,700	17,300	0	400
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	10,600	10,700	10,300	-100	300
Transportation Equipment	37,200	37,200	41,500	0	-4,300
Motor vehicles & equipment	11,000	10,900	14,400	100	-3,400
Aircraft & parts	25,700	25,700	26,300	0	-600
Instruments & Related Products	8,100	8,200	8,700	-100	-600
NONDURABLE GOODS	79,300	79,400	79,900	-100	-600
Food & Kindred Products	21,400	20,800	20,600	600	800
Beverages	8,500	8,500	8,500	0	0
Textiles, Apparel, & Leather	7,300	7,600	7,700	-300	-400
Paper & Allied Products	5,900	5,900	6,000	0	-100
Printing & Publishing	16,800	16,900	17,000	-100	-200
Chemicals & Allied Products	17,600	17,800	18,500	-200	-900
Petroleum, Coal, Plastics Products	10,400	10,400	10,100	0	300
SERVICE PRODUCING	959,200	953,000	930,700	6,200	28,500
PRIVATE SERVICE PRODUCING	805,100	798,500	777,700	6,600	27,400
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	80,100	77,500	76,800	2,600	3,300
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	30,100	29,600	29,100	500	1,000
Railroad Transportation	4,800	4,800	4,900	0	-100
Trucking & Warehousing	20,100	18,000	19,600	2,100	500
Transportation by Air	11,600	11,500	11,200	100	400
TRADE	285,400	281,500	279,200	3,900	6,200
WHOLESALE TRADE	66,900	66,700	66,500	200	400
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	40,500	40,400	40,200	100	300
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	26,400	26,300	26,300	100	100
RETAIL TRADE	218,500	214,800	212,700	3,700	5,800
Building materials & garden supplies	8,600	8,500	8,600	100	0
General merchandise stores	30,500	30,300	30,200	200	300
Food stores	33,100	32,400	30,900	700	2,200
Automotive dealers/service stations	22,500	22,300	21,700	200	800
Apparel & accessory stores	12,300	11,900	12,200	400	100
Furniture & homefurnishing stores	8,600	8,600	8,300	0	300
Eating & drinking places	81,200	79,600	80,100	1,600	1,100
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	73,100	73,000	72,100	100	1,000
Depository Institutions	21,400	21,600	22,500	-200	-1,100
Nondepository Institutions	6,600	6,700	5,800	-100	800
Insurance Carriers	15,300	15,300	16,000	0	-700
Insurance Agents, Brokers	6,900	6,800	6,900	100	0
Real Estate	13,000	12,900	12,300	100	700
SERVICES	366,500	366,500	349,600	0	16,900
Personal Services	14,800	15,500	14,400	-700	400
Business Services	68,200	67,000	64,500	1,200	3,700
Auto Repair, Services, Parking	12,200	12,100	11,000	100	1,200
Amusement & Recreation Services / Movie	21,400	20,000	19,800	1,400	1,600
Health Services	117,600	118,100	113,900	-500	3,700
Hospitals (private)	60,500	60,700	60,300	-200	200
Legal Services	8,300	8,200	8,500	100	-200
Educational Services (private)	31,600	34,000	30,600	-2,400	1,000
Social Services	22,700	22,900	21,700	-200	1,000
Membership Organizations	21,200	21,300	20,300	-100	900
Engineering & Management Services	24,300	24,400	22,300	-100	2,000
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	154,100	154,500	153,000	-400	1,100
TOTAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	35,000	34,900	35,200	100	-200
TOTAL STATE GOVERNMENT	20,200	20,200	19,800	0	400
TOTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT	98,900	99,400	98,000	-500	900

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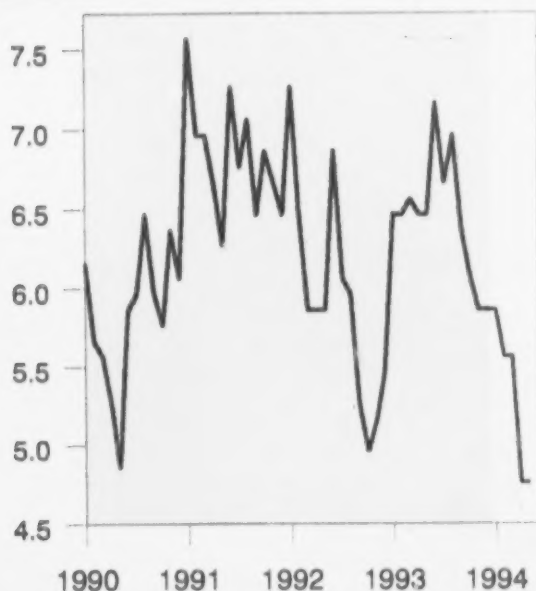
Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings

St. Louis MSA

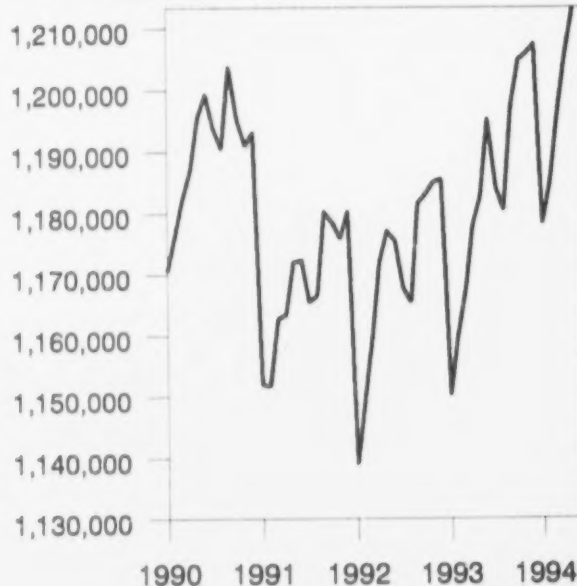
Industry	Production Workers			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			Average Weekly Earnings		
	May 1994 ^P	Apr 1994	May 1993	May 1994 ^P	Apr 1994	May 1993	May 1994 ^P	Apr 1994	May 1993	May 1994 ^P	Apr 1994	May 1993
GOODS PRODUCING	175,200	172,400	165,200	42.3	41.1	40.9	\$15.22	\$14.84	\$14.73	\$643.81	\$609.92	\$602.46
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	48,700	46,300	40,700	39.8	34.2	35.4	\$20.07	\$19.53	\$18.96	\$798.79	\$667.93	\$671.18
MANUFACTURING	126,500	126,100	124,500	43.3	43.7	42.6	\$13.51	\$13.49	\$13.59	\$584.98	\$589.51	\$578.93
DURABLE GOODS	71,900	71,500	76,600	44.1	44.6	42.5	\$14.55	\$14.33	\$14.58	\$641.66	\$639.12	\$619.65
Lumber, Wood, Furniture	4,600	4,600	4,300	41.3	45.3	38.7	\$9.24	\$8.97	\$9.88	\$381.61	\$406.34	\$382.36
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods	2,300	2,100	2,100	45.2	36.7	37.3	\$13.91	\$12.58	\$12.38	\$628.73	\$461.69	\$461.77
Primary Metal Industries	9,400	9,400	9,700	51.5	53.1	42.7	\$13.24	\$13.24	\$13.61	\$681.86	\$703.04	\$581.15
Fabricated Metal Products	11,900	11,700	11,700	43.3	42.1	43.5	\$13.83	\$13.83	\$13.87	\$598.84	\$582.24	\$603.34
Industrial Machinery & Equip	11,500	11,500	11,100	42.8	42.8	42.3	\$12.45	\$12.35	\$12.72	\$532.86	\$528.58	\$538.06
Electronic & Other Elect Eqp	7,000	7,100	6,600	40.8	40.0	39.8	\$9.61	\$9.44	\$9.91	\$392.09	\$377.60	\$394.42
Transportation Equipment	19,300	19,200	24,600	45.1	47.0	44.4	\$20.77	\$20.08	\$19.04	\$936.73	\$943.76	\$845.38
Motor vehicles & equipment	9,600	9,500	12,800	51.4	50.8	46.5	\$19.62	\$20.01	\$19.06	\$1,008.47	\$1,016.51	\$886.29
Instruments & Related Prods	3,600	3,600	3,700	40.6	40.5	40.7	\$12.31	\$12.25	\$12.31	\$499.79	\$496.13	\$501.02
NONDURABLE GOODS	54,600	54,600	47,900	42.3	42.5	42.9	\$12.08	\$12.35	\$12.01	\$510.98	\$524.88	\$515.23
Food & Kindred Products	14,600	14,000	13,200	40.1	37.8	40.4	\$13.48	\$13.68	\$13.99	\$540.55	\$517.10	\$565.20
Textiles, Apparel, & Leather	6,100	6,400	6,000	38.8	39.5	40.1	\$7.56	\$7.43	\$7.66	\$293.33	\$293.49	\$307.17
Paper & Allied Products	4,700	4,800	5,000	61.8	60.8	45.8	\$9.71	\$9.62	\$11.17	\$600.08	\$584.90	\$511.59
Printing & Publishing	11,000	11,000	10,500	41.4	43.1	39.3	\$12.72	\$12.90	\$12.49	\$526.61	\$555.99	\$490.86
Chemicals & Allied Products	10,700	10,900	6,200	40.1	41.8	58.3	\$13.27	\$14.39	\$12.67	\$532.13	\$601.50	\$738.66
Petroleum, Coal, Plastics Prods	7,500	7,400	7,100	41.2	41.8	39.5	\$12.51	\$12.80	\$11.13	\$515.41	\$535.04	\$439.64
PRIVATE SERVICE-PRODUCING	663,900	658,000	641,500	32.3	31.3	32.3	\$10.17	\$10.11	\$9.84	\$328.49	\$316.44	\$317.83
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILS	62,800	60,200	59,000	37.7	35.6	38.7	\$12.90	\$13.26	\$13.50	\$486.33	\$472.06	\$522.45
TRADE	252,900	249,000	246,300	31.1	30.7	31.0	\$9.37	\$9.26	\$8.90	\$291.41	\$284.28	\$275.90
WHOLESALE TRADE	55,200	55,200	54,900	40.6	39.7	39.6	\$12.56	\$12.49	\$12.05	\$509.94	\$495.85	\$477.18
Wholesale Trade - Durable Gds	33,000	33,100	33,000	40.9	40.2	40.1	\$12.09	\$11.96	\$11.77	\$494.48	\$480.79	\$471.98
Wholesale Trade - Nondur Gds	22,200	22,100	21,900	40.1	38.9	38.8	\$13.26	\$13.33	\$12.49	\$531.73	\$518.54	\$484.61
RETAIL TRADE	197,700	193,800	191,400	28.4	28.1	28.6	\$8.10	\$7.96	\$7.65	\$230.04	\$223.68	\$218.79
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	52,400	52,200	52,200	36.3	36.6	35.9	\$10.72	\$10.63	\$10.21	\$389.14	\$389.06	\$366.54
SERVICES	295,800	296,600	284,000	31.5	30.0	31.4	\$10.05	\$9.96	\$9.64	\$316.58	\$298.80	\$302.70

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St. Louis MSA Unemployment Rate



St. Louis MSA Payroll Employment



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Kansas City Labor Market Review

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Area Labor Force Conditions

The Kansas City Metropolitan area's unemployment rate was 4.2 percent in May 1994. After falling from 5.4 percent in March to 4.6 percent in April, the area's rate edged down to its lowest level since May 1990. The four-tenths of a percentage point drop in the rate stood in contrast to the normally small movements in May. Declines in initial and continued unemployment insurance claims filed across the metropolitan area contributed to the number of jobless workers falling from the revised April total of 41,300 to a four year low of 37,500.

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

The number of nonagricultural wage and salary jobs continued to show marked improvement, although for several industries the gains were smaller than average. The number of nonfarm payroll jobs climbed in May to a total of 827,700. Seasonal hiring and an end to the nationwide truckers' strike accounted for most of the over-the-month expansion. Although the net gain pushed the total number of jobs to a record high, the 6,100 over-the-month increase is about the same as the average May expansion of 6,000. The cumulative gains since January total 23,200, somewhat smaller than the January to May increases in 1992 and 1993 of 26,700 and 32,500, respectively.

An end to the truckers' strike and the resumption of normal seasonal hiring accounted for the Transportation, Communications and Utilities industry recording the largest net job increase in May.

Employment in construction recorded another above average gain — 1,200 jobs. The industry has added 5,800 jobs since the low point in January 1994, compared to 5,000 during this period in 1993, 5,300 in 1992 and 4,800 in 1990. At 37,600, construction employment is at its highest since 1988 and the highest May employment since May 1987. The industry has grown by 4,100 since May 1993, a 12.2 percent increase.

Retail trade posted the third largest increase with 900 jobs added over the month. After falling in February, employment in retail trade recorded its third consecutive monthly increase, rising by 2,900 jobs over the three month period. Employment increases continued in general merchandise, build-

ing materials and garden supplies, automotive dealers, and eating and drinking places. Following a decline in April as a result of the closing of a major food chain, seasonal increases accounted for 300 jobs added in food stores in May. Overall, however, the net gain was only half the size of the average gain normally experienced in May, reflecting some weakening in the pace of growth. With the exception of apparel, which registered a moderate reduction, the number of retail trade jobs has risen by 2,000 since May a year ago. Although most industries posted gains, the bulk of the gains occurred in eating and drinking, automotive, and general merchandise.

The services industry, which normally adds about 1,800 jobs in May, also recorded weaker than expected growth in May — 700, mostly in amusement and recreation and health services. Losses were recorded in personal services, private schools, and membership organizations. Despite the slow growth in May, the industry added 6,600 jobs over the year, with most components showing some gain. The most notable expansion occurring in business and recreation services.

Manufacturing edged up for the sixth straight month, netting 500 jobs over the month and 2,000 more jobs than in May 1993. Since falling to 105,300 in November, manufacturing has expanded by 2,800 jobs to 108,100, a gain of 2.7 percent. Although transportation equipment has produced the largest number of jobs during the period, sizable gains have also occurred in printing and publishing and. Most industries have shown some upward trend, chemicals and fabricated metal products being the most notable exceptions.

Finance, insurance and real estate, government and wholesale trade recorded employment growth over the month, although all were below the normally expected increases. Over the year gains, however, were substantial in finance, insurance and real estate with 1,200 jobs and wholesale trade with 1,100 jobs added, while losses in federal jobs contributed to a net loss of 500 government jobs.

Employment and Unemployment Forecast

Unemployment is expected to rise sharply in June as students, summer workers, and recent graduates swell the labor force. While reports of layoffs across the area continue to surface, overall employment levels will continue to show gains.

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

Kansas City MSA

Industry	Number of Jobs			Change from:	
	May 1994 ^P	Apr. 1994	May 1993	Apr. 1994	May 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	827,700	821,600	810,000	6,100	17,700
GOODS PRODUCING	145,700	143,800	139,200	1,900	6,500
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	37,600	36,200	33,500	1,400	4,100
General Building Contractors	7,700	7,400	6,400	300	1,300
Special Trade Contractors	23,600	22,900	21,700	700	1,900
MANUFACTURING	108,100	107,600	105,700	500	2,400
DURABLE GOODS	51,400	51,000	49,300	400	2,100
Lumber, Wood, Furniture	3,400	3,500	3,400	-100	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	3,600	3,500	3,400	100	200
Fabricated Metal Products	12,600	12,500	12,700	100	-100
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	8,000	8,000	7,600	0	400
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	7,300	7,300	7,300	0	0
Transportation Equipment	10,100	9,900	8,500	200	1,600
NONDURABLE GOODS	56,700	56,600	56,400	100	300
Food & Kindred Products	8,400	8,500	8,200	-100	200
Paper & Allied Products	6,400	6,300	6,100	100	300
Printing & Publishing	23,400	23,200	22,700	200	700
Chemicals & Allied Products	9,000	9,000	9,800	0	-800
SERVICE PRODUCING	682,000	677,800	670,800	4,200	11,200
PRIVATE SERVICE PRODUCING	554,400	550,500	542,700	3,900	11,700
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	65,100	63,200	64,300	1,900	800
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	25,300	25,200	25,100	100	200
Railroad Transportation	4,700	4,700	4,600	0	100
Trucking & Warehousing	19,200	17,400	19,100	1,800	100
Transportation by Air	7,000	7,000	7,200	0	-200
TRADE	201,600	200,700	198,500	900	3,100
WHOLESALE TRADE	57,200	57,100	56,100	100	1,100
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	34,800	34,700	34,100	100	700
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	22,400	22,400	22,000	0	400
RETAIL TRADE	144,400	143,600	142,400	800	2,000
Building materials & garden supplies	7,100	7,100	6,900	0	200
General merchandise stores	21,100	20,800	20,400	300	700
Food stores	19,100	18,800	18,800	300	300
Automotive dealers/service stations	16,600	16,500	15,800	100	800
Apparel & accessory stores	6,100	6,100	6,200	0	-100
Furniture & homefurnishing stores	5,500	5,500	5,200	0	300
Eating & drinking places	53,000	52,900	51,700	100	1,300
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	62,800	62,400	61,600	400	1,200
Depository Institutions	14,900	14,900	15,300	0	-400
SERVICES	224,900	224,200	218,300	700	6,600
Personal Services	10,500	11,000	10,000	-500	500
Business Services	50,100	50,100	48,200	0	1,900
Automotive & miscellaneous repair services	9,900	9,900	9,700	0	200
Amusement & Recreation Services / Movie	15,400	14,500	13,100	900	2,300
Health Services	64,200	64,000	63,900	200	300
Legal Services	6,600	6,600	6,800	0	-200
Educational Services (private)	7,800	8,100	7,600	-300	200
Social Services	12,700	12,700	12,200	0	500
Membership Organizations	13,600	13,700	13,300	-100	300
Engineering & Management Services	21,000	21,000	20,700	0	300
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	127,600	127,300	128,100	300	-500
TOTAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	32,700	32,800	33,700	-100	-1,000
TOTAL STATE GOVERNMENT	18,800	18,800	18,400	0	400
TOTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT	76,100	75,700	76,000	400	100

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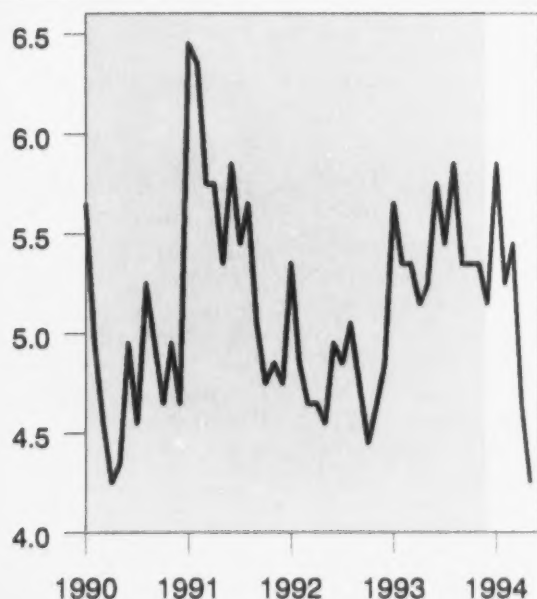
Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings

Kansas City MSA

Industry	Production Workers			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			Average Weekly Earnings		
	May 1994 ^P	Apr 1994	May 1993	May 1994 ^P	Apr 1994	May 1993	May 1994 ^P	Apr 1994	May 1993	May 1994 ^P	Apr 1994	May 1993
GOODS PRODUCING	105,000	102,300	96,800	42.6	40.9	39.3	\$14.92	\$14.57	\$14.14	\$635.59	\$595.91	\$555.70
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	29,800	28,300	25,200	41.4	36.1	35.5	\$17.47	\$16.83	\$17.09	\$723.26	\$607.56	\$606.70
MANUFACTURING	75,200	74,000	71,600	43.1	42.8	40.6	\$13.95	\$13.84	\$13.23	\$601.25	\$592.35	\$537.14
DURABLE GOODS	37,100	36,600	34,700	44.9	43.1	40.9	\$15.18	\$15.03	\$14.16	\$681.58	\$647.79	\$579.14
Lumber, Wood, Furniture	2,600	2,700	2,600	42.9	42.6	40.0	\$9.38	\$9.46	\$9.21	\$402.40	\$403.00	\$368.40
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods	2,800	2,700	2,700	45.6	37.2	36.2	\$12.63	\$12.29	\$13.14	\$575.93	\$457.19	\$475.67
Fabricated Metal Products	7,000	6,900	7,100	40.9	39.5	39.4	\$13.09	\$13.09	\$13.06	\$535.38	\$517.05	\$514.56
Industrial Machinery & Equip	5,700	5,700	5,100	42.3	42.1	41.5	\$12.68	\$12.78	\$12.58	\$536.36	\$538.04	\$522.07
Electronic & Other Elect Eqp	5,600	5,500	5,400	40.0	41.2	39.3	\$13.37	\$13.69	\$12.11	\$534.80	\$564.03	\$475.92
Transportation Equipment	9,300	9,100	7,700	51.3	48.2	41.3	\$20.48	\$20.21	\$18.98	\$1,050.62	\$974.12	\$783.87
NONDURABLE GOODS	38,100	37,400	36,900	41.4	42.4	40.3	\$12.65	\$12.66	\$12.35	\$523.71	\$536.78	\$497.70
Food & Kindred Products	6,700	6,700	6,300	38.0	41.8	35.7	\$11.66	\$11.79	\$12.15	\$443.08	\$492.82	\$433.76
Paper & Allied Products	4,900	4,900	4,800	43.9	44.0	38.1	\$11.61	\$11.43	\$11.92	\$509.68	\$502.92	\$454.15
Chemicals & Allied Products	3,900	3,800	3,900	40.6	39.3	42.4	\$18.06	\$17.76	\$17.24	\$733.24	\$697.97	\$730.98
PRIVATE SERVICE-PRODUCING	450,400	448,100	438,200	34.5	33.6	34.0	\$11.17	\$10.27	\$10.15	\$385.37	\$345.07	\$345.10
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILS	36,400	36,300	35,400	39.5	37.8	40.3	\$16.72	\$16.80	\$16.37	\$660.44	\$635.04	\$659.71
TRADE	174,700	173,500	171,200	33.7	33.1	32.6	\$8.27	\$8.23	\$8.57	\$278.70	\$272.41	\$279.38
WHOLESALE TRADE	46,600	46,800	45,800	39.0	38.5	41.7	\$11.74	\$11.69	\$11.71	\$457.86	\$450.07	\$488.31
Wholesale Trade - Durable Gds	28,500	28,500	28,000	40.4	40.2	41.0	\$11.63	\$11.72	\$11.70	\$469.85	\$471.14	\$479.70
Wholesale Trade - Nondur Gds	18,100	18,300	17,800	36.7	35.7	42.9	\$11.94	\$11.64	\$11.71	\$438.20	\$415.55	\$502.36
RETAIL TRADE	128,100	126,700	125,400	31.7	31.1	29.2	\$6.72	\$6.65	\$6.93	\$213.02	\$206.82	\$202.36
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	49,500	49,100	47,900	38.4	37.7	37.9	\$10.88	\$10.96	\$9.88	\$417.79	\$413.19	\$374.45
SERVICES	189,800	189,200	183,700	33.3	32.1	33.0	\$12.68	\$10.51	\$10.23	\$422.24	\$337.37	\$337.59

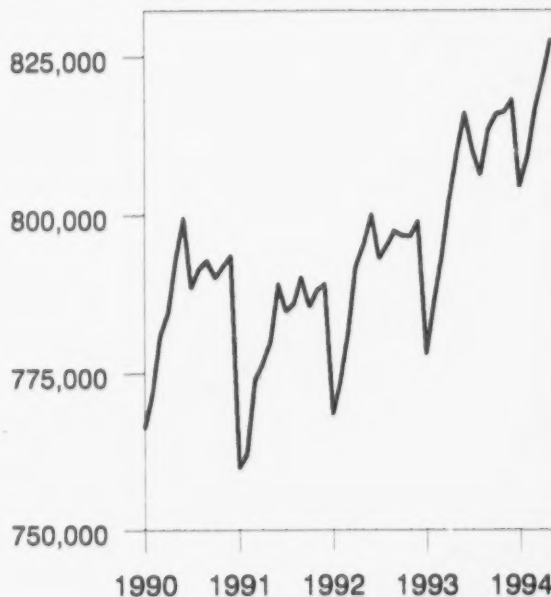
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Kansas City MSA Unemployment Rate



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Kansas City MSA Payroll Employment



Springfield Labor Market Review

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Civilian Labor Force Employment and Unemployment

The Springfield MSA labor force decreased from April to a total of 146,700 in May. The area unemployment rate increased four-tenths of a percentage point, from 3.4 percent to 3.8 percent. The number of unemployed persons also increased, from 5,200 in April to 5,900 in May.

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

The nonfarm payroll employment figure increased from 142,800 in April to 143,900. Those industries showing significant changes were: manufacturing, up 100; construction and mining, up 200; trade, up 300; services, down 200; and transportation and public utilities, up 800.

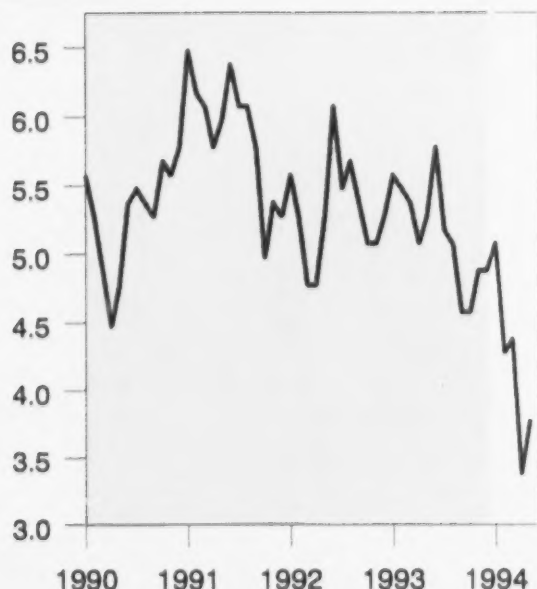
Hours and Earnings

Average hourly earnings of manufacturing production and related workers increased slightly from \$10.05 in April to \$10.06 in May. Average weekly hours increased from 40.7 in April to 40.8 in May. Average weekly earnings rose from \$409.04 in April to \$410.45 in May.

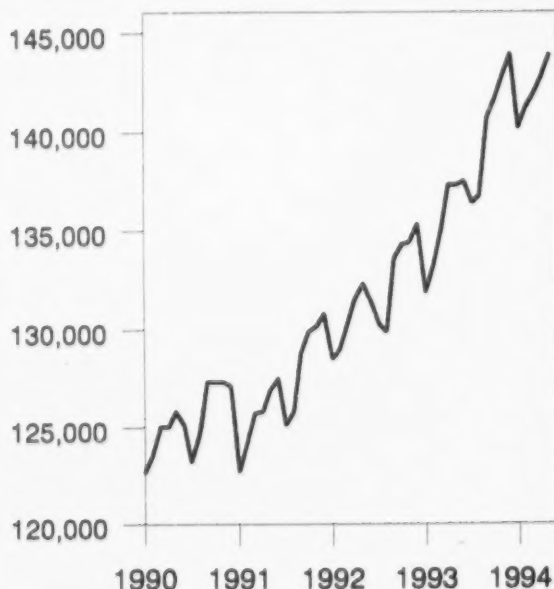
Employment and Unemployment Outlook

Payroll employment continued to grow in May, most of it due to the return of the strikers in the trucking industry. Normally, the unemployment rate increases between May and June, as more students enter the workforce. This rate for June is expected to increase this year as well.

Springfield MSA Unemployment Rate



Springfield MSA Payroll Employment



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Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

Springfield MSA

Industry	Number of Jobs			Change from:	
	May 1994 ^P	Apr. 1994	May 1993	Apr. 1994	May 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	143,900	142,800	137,300	1,100	6,600
GOODS PRODUCING	27,400	27,100	26,900	300	500
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	6,100	5,900	5,900	200	200
MANUFACTURING	21,300	21,200	21,000	100	300
DURABLE GOODS	10,000	10,000	10,000	0	0
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	2,400	2,400	2,300	0	100
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	3,000	3,100	3,000	-100	0
NONDURABLE GOODS	11,300	11,200	11,000	100	300
Paper & Allied Products	1,400	1,300	1,400	100	0
Printing & Publishing	2,200	2,200	2,200	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	116,500	115,700	110,400	800	6,100
PRIVATE SERVICE PRODUCING	98,000	97,100	92,500	900	5,500
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	8,400	7,600	8,100	800	300
Railroad Transportation	900	900	900	0	0
TRADE	40,600	40,300	38,500	300	2,100
WHOLESALE TRADE	10,700	10,600	10,300	100	400
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	5,800	5,700	5,400	100	400
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	4,900	4,900	4,900	0	0
RETAIL TRADE	29,900	29,700	28,200	200	1,700
Eating & drinking places	11,100	10,900	10,200	200	900
Retail Trade exc eating & drinking places	18,800	18,800	18,000	0	800
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	6,300	6,300	6,000	0	300
SERVICES	42,700	42,900	39,900	-200	2,800
Personal & Business Services	9,700	9,500	8,500	200	1,200
Health Services	16,300	16,400	16,100	-100	200
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	18,500	18,600	17,900	-100	600
TOTAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	2,300	2,300	2,200	0	100
TOTAL STATE GOVERNMENT	5,800	5,900	5,800	-100	0
TOTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT	10,400	10,400	9,900	0	500

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Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings

Springfield MSA

Industry	Production Workers			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			Average Weekly Earnings		
	May 1994 ^P	Apr 1994	May 1993	May 1994 ^P	Apr 1994	May 1993	May 1994 ^P	Apr 1994	May 1993	May 1994 ^P	Apr 1994	May 1993
GOODS PRODUCING	20,700	20,500	19,700	40.2	39.3	39.5	\$10.62	\$10.61	\$10.34	\$426.92	\$416.97	\$408.43
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	4,600	4,500	4,400	38.4	34.5	36.6	\$12.76	\$12.92	\$12.10	\$489.98	\$445.74	\$442.86
MANUFACTURING	16,100	16,000	15,300	40.8	40.7	40.3	\$10.05	\$10.05	\$9.89	\$410.04	\$409.04	\$398.57
DURABLE GOODS	7,600	7,600	7,400	41.0	40.2	40.2	\$10.16	\$10.17	\$9.86	\$416.56	\$408.83	\$396.37
Industrial Machinery & Equip	1,700	1,700	1,500	41.7	41.2	40.5	\$11.76	\$11.49	\$11.32	\$490.39	\$473.39	\$458.46
Electronic & Other Elect Equip	2,300	2,300	2,400	41.5	41.5	39.3	\$9.43	\$9.39	\$9.40	\$391.35	\$389.69	\$369.42
NONDURABLE GOODS	8,500	8,400	7,900	40.6	41.1	40.5	\$9.95	\$9.95	\$9.92	\$403.97	\$408.95	\$401.76
Paper & Allied Products	1,200	1,100	1,200	39.7	40.8	43.0	\$12.01	\$11.80	\$11.20	\$476.80	\$481.44	\$481.60
Printing & Publishing	1,400	1,400	1,400	37.2	37.6	38.3	\$10.34	\$10.21	\$9.86	\$384.65	\$383.90	\$377.64
PRIVATE SERVICE-PRODUCING	81,500	81,000	76,500	34.6	33.9	33.6	\$7.93	\$7.79	\$7.66	\$274.38	\$264.08	\$257.38
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILS	6,900	6,200	6,700	39.3	38.3	37.7	\$12.15	\$12.00	\$10.03	\$477.50	\$459.60	\$378.13
TRADE	36,500	36,500	34,500	32.0	31.4	31.8	\$7.85	\$7.69	\$7.78	\$251.20	\$241.47	\$247.40
WHOLESALE TRADE	9,000	9,000	8,600	40.2	39.3	41.1	\$11.55	\$11.32	\$11.16	\$464.31	\$444.88	\$458.68
Wholesale Trade - Durable Gds	4,800	4,800	4,400	38.8	38.7	41.4	\$9.49	\$9.63	\$9.30	\$368.21	\$372.68	\$385.02
Wholesale Trade - Nondur Gds	4,200	4,200	4,200	41.7	40.1	40.7	\$13.71	\$13.17	\$13.16	\$571.71	\$528.12	\$535.61
RETAIL TRADE	27,500	27,500	25,900	29.3	28.8	28.8	\$6.18	\$6.06	\$6.18	\$181.07	\$174.53	\$177.98
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	5,100	5,000	4,400	36.8	37.7	35.2	\$6.86	\$6.81	\$6.93	\$252.45	\$256.74	\$243.94
SERVICES	33,000	33,300	30,900	36.1	35.3	34.5	\$7.23	\$7.20	\$7.08	\$261.00	\$254.16	\$244.26

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